

Rotary

Club of Epping



**17 October
2022**

Quote

"Be the Rotarian other Rotarians would like to be with."
Based on motto of several football Clubs

Bruce's Banter

The **member survey results** are summarised below. No big surprises in that most stated we are a happy and engaging Club but with a need to have a more diversified and younger base of members.

Last Monday was a very good night with 21 members conducting the survey plus listening to Johanna and Craig with their **3 on Me's**. Johanna focused on her entrepreneurial and successful sales career in the UK while Craig focused on his local accomplishments with family, career and service to the community. Both have been fantastic contributors to Rotary. Thanks Johanna and Craig.



In coming weeks our Club has many opportunities to achieve these goals. We have two major Primary School Youth programs, POW, Bendigo Bank Awards Night, International Night and Trevor's Book Launch Night.

After a 7-year stint as Secretary, Deretta will be finishing her duties at Xmas. She has done a fantastic job and we thank her very much. She is travelling to England to see her family and wants to concentrate on her studies. In good news, she will remain a member, and Alan Baker has agreed to become Secretary. Alan was Secretary 3-4 years for John Fenessy and me 8-10 years ago and did a great job.
Thanks, Deretta and Alan.

If anyone has ideas for a guest speaker or would like to interview this person or has other suggestions for Monday nights please see me.

Monica and I will be at Epping Train Station next Monday at 4 pm to present a cheque of \$543 to the **End Polio Train** which will go to 181 Sydney stations. All are welcome to join us, ideally in a red End Polio shirt.

Next Monday is our iconic **Primary School Debate** evening. Betty has worked tirelessly on this event for 10 years and has had the added challenge this year of having it in Boronia Grove. Please come there around 4.30 pm to help set it up.

As a precursor to the Final debate, each of the other 4 competing schools will stand up and give the audience a summary of arguments for one of the debates held during the tournament.

Time: 6.00pm for 6.30pm start

Location: Boronia Grove Community Centre, 40 Victoria Street, Epping (parking in council carpark from Rawson St)

We are anticipating a very exciting night having all of our favourite schools together in one night.

The cost for **dinner is \$35** per person and will be buffet style tapas this year.

Bruce

Membership Survey

Last Monday 21 of our members completed the survey. Results were:

65% in favour of tables of 6-8

80% saw the biggest strength as being a friendly, warm, happy, unified, welcoming Club with good people.

33% cited our various projects as a strength.

65% saw our biggest weakness as the uneven workload among members and the lack of commitment to projects by many members.

40% saw a weakness as the age of members.

65% saw the greatest opportunity in recruiting younger members and those from more diverse background.

50% saw the opportunity to redefine project priorities and take advantage of greater public engagement.

70% saw our ageing membership as the greatest threat.

30% saw the uneven workload and member apathy as a threat.

100% said they will support Epping Rotary Community Projects.

With suggestions and comments; the most common were the need for a recruitment drive, greater commitment by members to projects, the need to focus on the good we do, need to improve our social media and digital presence, need to raise more funds, need to redefine our Club and its objectives, correct targeting of problems, remain at Epping Club, more partners nights and activities.

Of the above comments the 2 biggest were:

- Need to improve our social media and digital presence.
- Need to target our recruitment strategies.

Thanks for your participation.

Bruce

Club Calendar

Date	Speaker/Topic Mondays	Venue
24 October	Primary Schools Debate	Boronia Grove
31 October	Epping Community Bank (BB) Community Awards	Epping Club
7 November	Langston Awards	Epping Club
14 November	Pride of Workmanship	Epping Club
21 November	International Night	Epping Club
28 November	Trevor – Book Launch Monica – Foundation	Epping Club
5 December	AGM	Epping Club
12 December	Xmas Party	
Date	Other Events	Venue
24 October	Polio train ride in Sydney	Epping Station
4 November	Carlingford 50 th Anniversary	
13 November	Mito Walk	
13 November	Langston Weekender	
26 November	Achieve Australia	Araluen
1-7 December	Polio Movie Event	
11 December	Carols in the park	Boronia Park
17 March	District Conference	Cowra
27 May	Rotary International Conference	Melbourne

Granny Smith Festival – Clean Up

I would like to thank Alister, Ian Bittner, Ian Stephenson, Peter, Janet and Anne for cleaning up the Eastwood oval and park where the festival was held on Saturday night.

It was satisfying to see an area covered in rubbish and then an hour later totally clean.

Special thanks to Alister for project management and Ian for supplying gloves and bags.

Enjoyable coffee afterwards where all world and Rotary problems were solved?!

Bruce



World Polio Day - 24 October 2022



To celebrate and publicise World Polio Day, Dave and Mark Anderson from Beecroft Rotary will be travelling to all the 181 stations in the Sydney train network on Monday 24 October. They will start at Cronulla at 4.33am and finish at Tallawong at 10.04pm. They will pass through Epping at 4pm and 9.40pm.

All Rotary clubs and individuals in the two Sydney Districts have been asked to contribute to END POLIO on this day and join Dave and Mark on the ride. President Bruce Jacob, our newest member Johanna Johns, and I will wear our red END POLIO NOW t shirts and meet them at Epping Station with a cheque for \$543 representing \$3 for every station on the network. I will ride with them for a few stations but must return in time for our big Primary Schools Debate final at Boronia Grove.

A modified polio vaccine, nOPV2, offering new hope in the fight to eradicate polio was introduced in March 2021. In the first half of 2022, more than 370 million doses have been administered in more than 20 countries. Recent outbreaks of polio across the world remind us that we still have a way to go to eliminate this deadly and debilitating disease.

Monica Saville

The Rotary Foundation Director

Membership Poem

The Value of One Member

(Author unknown)

Ten proud Rotarians, standing in a line,
One disliked the president and then there were nine.

Nine ambitious members on a project late,
One forgot her commitment, then there were eight.

Eight creative members had ideas good as heaven,
One lost enthusiasm, and then there were seven.

Seven loyal Rotarians got in a fix,
The quarrelled over projects, and then there were six.

Six members remained with spirit and with drive,
One moved away, then there were five.

Five steadfast members wished there were more,
One became indifferent, and then there were four.

Four cheerful members who never disagreed,
'til one complained about the food, then there were three.

Three eager members! What did they do?
One got discouraged, then there were two.

Two lonely members, my rhyme is nearly done,
One joined a sports team, then there was one.

One faithful member, feeling rather blue,
met with a neighbour, then there were two.

Two earnest members, each enrolled on more,
Doubling their number, then there were four.

Four determined members just couldn't wait,
'til each one reached another, then there were eight.

Eight excited members signed with more,
In another five verses, they'll be a thousand and twenty four!

Monica

Regionalisation Update

Voting Results and Next Steps

What was the overall result?

The Regionalisation Pilot vote was an outstanding success, with

- 96% of our Zone's 1331 Rotary and Rotaract clubs voting (including 100% of clubs in six Districts) and
- 90% of clubs voting Yes.

This was the largest voting process conducted in Zone 8 – **thank you all for participating.**

What was our district's result?

D9685 result was: Yes vote. 97.6 %

Which district did not reach the threshold? Why not?

One District, 9620, did not meet the two-thirds threshold. There were many reasons for this, including earthquakes and internet difficulties, as well as COVID.

9620 District's leaders would like to be part of a pilot at some point in the future as over 50% of their clubs voted Yes. This will be put to the RI Board, as will the opportunity for D9620 to vote again.

Why are we proceeding with only 20 districts?

The overwhelming Yes vote indicated a level of support for change that all current DGs, including D9620, want to support. This must however be agreed to by the RI Board and we will be advised in due course of their response after their October meeting.

How will that work?

The planning for the pilot will continue as if all 21 districts were included and district 9620 will be kept informed and will collaborate. However, where decision making is required they will not have a say.

What is happening next?

On 28th October all the current DGs, Elects and Nominee will be meeting in Canberra to discuss next steps. These are likely to include:

- the establishment of an Implementation Task Force
- the plan for action,
- developing the cost estimate required for the January RI Board meeting
- planning how we communicate and consult with members.

Thank you again for your support for the future of Rotary in our Zone. There are many steps for us all to embrace – very exciting!!

RLI – Rotary Leadership Institute – Course #72 4-6 November

The next Online Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) course is scheduled for 4/5/6 November via Zoom. Join in from home! Only \$30! Great value! The course is conducted by RLI facilitators and consists of 3 parts:

- Day 1 – Friday 4 November – 6-7pm
- Day 2 – Saturday 5 November 8am- 4pm – 3 x 2hr sessions with breaks
- Day 3 – Sunday 6 November 8am-4pm – as above

This course is designed for Rotarians with at least 12 months Rotary membership and graduates have said: *"the best Rotary learning I have done"* and *"RLI opened my eyes to a much broader Rotary experience beyond my club"*. See RLI brochure attached. This course is ideal for Presidents-Elect, new or existing Board members and anyone interested in furthering their Rotary knowledge, skills and leadership potential.

ACTION: Register and pay [HERE NOW](#) or encourage someone else from your club to enrol today! Registrations close 31 October 2022.

Yours in Rotary

Christine

DGE Christine Owen

The Rotary Club of Kincumber
District Governor Elect 2022-2023
Rotary District 9685



RLI Philosophy

'Having leadership skills does not alone assure good Rotary leadership. An effective Rotary leader must ALSO have Rotary knowledge, perspective about where Rotary has been, where it is now, and a vision of what Rotary can be.'



Join Leaders, Exchange Ideas
and
Take Action
to make the world a better place!

Participants return to their clubs with:

- confidence
- enthusiasm
- fresh ideas
- increased understanding of their potential as Rotarians
- valuable skills impacting their current and potential leadership
- and MORE!



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D9685

Rotary Leadership Institute

Rotary Beecroft – Living Treasure Award

As a Friend of the Beecroft Rotary Club, we invite you to join us for our biennial Living Treasures Awards Ceremony.

Saturday 22 October

3pm - 5pm

Beecroft Community Hall, Beecroft Road

Opposite Beecroft Fire Station

The Living Treasures Award recognises older citizens who have made a significant and enduring contribution in a field of service aligned with Rotary's aims and priorities.

High Tea, Drinks & Canapes to follow the Awards Ceremony

Tickets are available to purchase online for \$20p.p & \$5p.p for children under 12 years of age.

RSVP by October 17, 2022

[Purchase Tickets Online Here Now!](#)

LIVING TREASURES AWARD



Recognition Ceremony

Awards - Music - Awards - Celebration

Saturday 22 October | 3pm to 5pm |

Beecroft Community Hall | Tickets available on our Website



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YOUNG AT HEART FESTIVAL

Hello RCBeecroft

We are VERY excited to invite you to our first major event this year!

SAVE THE DATE!
Saturday 22 October
in Beecroft Village

We have lots of things for you and your loved ones to do!!

Rotary
Club of Beecroft

YOUNG AT HEART FESTIVAL



**Connecting Young
with Older Generations**

Colouring Comp - Photo Hunt - Music - Fun

Saturday 22 October
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